

## Helpful Links:

### NCSC:

<http://www.azed.gov/assessment/ncsc/>

### AIMS A:

<http://www.azed.gov/assessment/aims-a/>

### All assessments:

<http://www.azed.gov/assessment/>

### Newsletters:

<http://www.azed.gov/assessment/examiner/>



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## Arizona's Alternate Assessments

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*... achieving higher  
academic outcomes for  
students with cognitive  
disabilities.*





### ***What is an alternate assessment?***

Alternate assessments are used to evaluate the performance of students who are unable to participate in general state assessments even with accommodations. (NCEO National Center on Educational Outcomes)

### ***Who is eligible to take an alternate assessment?***

Students with the most significant cognitive disabilities are eligible for alternate assessments.

Eligibility form: <http://www.azed.gov/assessment/ncsc>

### ***What are Arizona's Alternate Assessments?***

**AIMS A Science:** an online standards based assessment that measures what students know and are able to do in the content area of science as presented in the Arizona Alternate Academic Standards.

### ***NCSC (National Center and State Collaborative):***

an online standards based assessment that measures what students know and are able to do in the content area of ELA and Mathematics as presented in the Arizona College and Career Ready Standards.

### ***Accessing Arizona's Alternate Assessments:***

test coordinators and test administrators will access the alternate assessments applications through ADEConnect and the NCSC platform.

### ***Important Dates***

**AIMS A Science Training for Test Coordinators:** the online training webinar opens in November 2015, and must be completed for Test Coordinators to have access to the alternate assessment applications.

**AIMS A Science testing window:** the testing window is open from February 15 through March 31, 2016.

**NCSC Training for Test Coordinators and Test Administrators:** the online training opens in March 2016; training must be completed each year before the NCSC alternate assessments are administered.

**NCSC testing window:** the testing window is open from late March through mid-May, 2016.